



California
Department of
Child Support
Services

Understanding the State Disbursement Unit (SDU)

Fact Sheet for Employers

Federal Requirements

Federal law — part of the 1996 welfare reform legislation, *US Code 42 USC 654B* — requires all states to establish a central location for processing child support payments, including all employer wage assignments. The law's intent is to:

- Improve the accuracy of child support records;
- Speed payment processing; and
- Streamline wage assignment processing for employers.

California's SDU is now responsible for collecting and processing the following types of child support payments:

- All payments for cases being enforced by local child support agencies (full-service IV-D cases); and
- All employer wage assignments — *including those secured through private support orders* — beginning in September 2006.

Questions?

***Please contact
us toll-free at
1-866-325-1010***

What the SDU Means to You

Throughout the summer and fall of 2006, employers will receive information about how to redirect payments to the SDU, and other changes to payment processing. To meet federal requirements, employers must send copies of all *FL 195 Order/Notice to Withhold Income for Child Support* (wage withholding orders for payments sent directly to individuals) to:

**California State Disbursement Unit
P.O. Box 980218
West Sacramento, CA 95798**

Once the SDU receives the *FL 195*, employers will be sent instructions for remitting the information required to process employee support payments. Payments will be returned to employers that fail to provide the required information. If you have questions about the *FL 195*, call the SDU Electronic Help Desk at 866-325-1010.

Employer Benefits

A variety of benefits will be available for employers including:

- Electronic payment options;
- All payments can be sent to one centralized location at the SDU;
- IV-D and non-IV-D payments can be made at one time; and
- Helpful and advanced features will be offered on the *www.casdu.com* website.

More information is available at *www.childsup.ca.gov*.